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In re Patent Application of:	)
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Based On: PCT/JP2005/021397	)
Filed: November 16, 2005	)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND	)
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF	)
THE SAME	)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.